

REMARKS

The undersigned appreciates the helpful comments and discussions provided by Primary Examiner Coleman. As discussed with Examiner Coleman, the present response should obviate the outstanding formal-type issues and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e. that claims 28, 29, 34, 38 and 39 are allowed, and that claims 11, 13 and 14 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

The only outstanding issue is under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph relating to form of certain claims.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 38, 39, 40 and 41 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The amendments merely adapt the noted claims as generally recommended in the Office Action. Indeed, the amendments relate to non-substantive matters of form.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for the recitation of the ninth species in the claim.

Claim 12 has been amended herein to obviate the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 24, 25, 32, 40 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

It is also believed the amendments made herein obviate this rejection. In particular, the variable Z is not recited in the claims noted in the Office Action. Additionally, claims 10 and 25 as amended herein are further limiting.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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